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The Order of the Day for All New Yorkers!



## HALLEY PETITIONERS WIN APPLAUSE FOR 48,000 SIGNATURES

The excellent job done by ILOWU volunteers who helped gather signatures on the petitions to put the name of Rudolph Halley on the Independent Party line as candidate for President of the New York City Council won high praise from the candidate and his supporters.

Pres. Dubinsky, upon his return from San Francisco, addressed a letter to all affiliates in which he said:

"While in attendance at the recent quarterly meeting of the General Executive Board in Los Angeles, I received a report from our Political Department that 48,000 petitions were filed for Rudolph Halley on the Independent Party line. This was possible because 19,000 of these signatures were gathered through the efforts of ILOWU officers who acted on an appeal to our local managers at a special meeting at which it was voted to endorse and support Halley's candidacy.

"The fact that 48,000 signatures were filed on the Independent line in addition to 13,000 on the Fusion Party line will have an exhilarating effect upon the campaign."

## AFL Girding for '52; Blasts Fake Controls

### STRIKERS VICTORIOUS AT MILL IN TENNESSEE

A standard union contract for workers at Rivoli Mills of Chattanooga, Tenn., is in prospect now that the month-long strike against the firm has ended.

According to an understanding reached with the firm, the contract will become a reality as soon as a National Labor Relations Board election can be held giving workers a chance to approve the ILOWU as their representative. Vice Pres. John S. Martin reports.

The strike at Rivoli Mills followed the discharge of a worker employed by the firm for three years. An ILOWU organization drive had been in progress at the plant for some time previous to the walkout.

Eight million workers of this land who make up the American Federation of Labor last month gave clear and bold warning that they will fight against any action that tends to weaken the resources of this nation or the forces of world democracy aligned to resist encroaching totalitarianism.

Through more than 700 delegates attending the 70th annual convention of the AFL, they shaped up a stirring program of political action and economic principles.

ILOWU delegates, headed by Pres. David Dubinsky, played lead (Continued on Page 2)

## 1,000 at Maidenform's W.Va. Plants Win Raise

Over 1,000 workers employed at two firms under the jurisdiction of the Upper South Department obtained retroactive wage increases as the result of negotiations conducted by the union, it is reported by Vice Pres. Charles Krendler, department secretary.

### "Stepping Stones"



Close to 1,000 workers in plants of the Maidenform Brasiers Co. at Princeton, Clarkburg and Huntington, W. Va., won bonus of 4 per cent, effective as of Jan. 15, 1951. According to Department Manager Angus Bannock, the raises were secured under terms of an escalator clause in the agreement.

Raises of 5 cents per hour, effective as of Aug. 15, were granted over 150 employees of the B-S Thread Co. of Portsmouth, Va., following several weeks of negotiations which were concluded at a conference in New York. Manager Bannock announced.

### Pakistan Begum Visits ILG Hdqrs.

Among the visitors from abroad who came to the General Office of the ILOWU recently to learn about the union's many-sided program was Begum Saida Waheed of Pakistan. The wife of Pakistan's delegate to the Human Rights Commission of the UN attended a showing of "With These Hands" in the ILOWU Studio.

As a representative of the All-Pakistan Women's Assn., Begum Waheed was particularly interested in the ILOWU's accomplishments in behalf of thousands of women who work in the garment shops of this country.

YOU CANNOT VOTE FOR RUDOLPH HALLEY TO  
SWEEP CRIME OUT OF POLITICS UNLESS YOU

# REGISTER

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NEW YORK  
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## Globe Renewal Brings Raises for 700 in Mich.

A renewed contract with the Globe Knitting Mills of Grand Rapids, Mich., with provisions for rate equalizations and merit increases affecting 700 employed at the firm's plants in Grand Rapids and Allegan, was ratified by the workers at a meeting on Sept. 6.

According to Vice Pres. Morris B. Halls, the adjustments in the new pact will add about \$65,000 annually to the substantial increases workers had previously won. Globe employees are members of Local 320 in Grand Rapids and Local 523 in Allegan.

### Marquette Strike

#### Ranks Grow

As the walkout at Marquette Knitting Mills in Marquette, Wis., enters its third month, the strikers are more determined than ever to carry their fight for job security to a successful conclusion. In the last few weeks, strikers' ranks were greatly strengthened by the addition of workers who had not originally participated in strike action, though they had left the shop when the walkout was called upon. Globe employees are members of Local 320 in Grand Rapids and Local 523 in Allegan.

No further conferences with the company have been held since the inconclusive meeting on Aug. 22.

### Union Shop Victories

Once workers received the benefits of unionization, they never look back, workers at the Adrian Tabin Corp. of Pula, Ill., showed when they voted 58 to 4 in favor of a union shop in a poll conducted by the NLRB last month. This is in marked contrast to last year's representation election, when the ILGWU was chosen bargaining agent by a majority of only one vote.

The week after the balloting, the firm signed a one-year extension of its contract with Local 527, which is the representation election decision expected in the wake of the dispute between the union and the garment industries of Illinois would support Adrian Tabin workers.

A union shop poll held Sept. 27 at Louis-Ivan and Son of Aurora, Ill., resulted in an overwhelming vote, 48 to 1 in favor of the ILGWU.

### Indiana Gains

Agreements with two Indiana firms provide wage gains and other benefits for workers covered. Main terms of the pact with Eastmore Manufacturing Co. of Michigan City, a newly organized shop, are a base rate of \$12.15 per hour, three paid holidays and a week's vacation with pay. A union shop election at the firm is scheduled for Oct. 2.

A 10 per cent general wage increase and a 30-cent hourly minimum were won for 320 workers at Joyce Sportswear in Chardon, Ohio, the result of negotiations under the wage representative clause of the agreement. The adjustments await approval by the Wage Stabilization Board.

## EMBROIDERY LOCAL TO ACCEPT PENSION APPLICATIONS SOON

Payment of first retirement benefits to eligible members of Local 66, Bonnet and Hand Embroidery Workers, will begin Jan. 1, 1952. It was announced by Zachary L. Freedman, local president. Applications for the initial distribution will be accepted between Nov. 1 and Dec. 1, he stated.

Freedman also called attention to the rules and regulations adopted by the Retirement Fund Board of Trustees, governing eligibility, application procedures, and rights and duties of retirees.

Applicants approved by the Board of Trustees will receive \$50 monthly. To qualify for benefits, members must have reached 65 years of age, maintained continuous membership in the union, and must have been employed in the industry for 15 years immediately preceding application.

Further, the rules specify that workers receiving benefits may not engage directly or indirectly in the ladies' apparel industry in any capacity. However, they may earn up to the amount permitted by the Federal Social Security Act in any other industry.

The Local 66 Retirement Fund was established in September, 1949, under terms of a renewed agreement with the embroidery employer groups providing for a payroll contribution of 1 per cent. \$5-a-week contract renewal in the cord, covered button and dress hand trades brought retirement coverage to those workers.

Union representatives on the Board of Trustees are Pres. Freedman, George Halpern, Jack Jaffee and M. J. Silverberg.

## MIAMI CLOAK SHOP TRIES LOCKOUT TO ESCAPE UNION PACT

Intimidation and "strong arm" tactics on the part of Ladlow and Meyers, a Miami, Fla., cloak shop, have resulted in the filing of unfair labor practice charges by the Miami Joint Council of the ILGWU. The union also avowed warrants when two active union members were beaten up at the hands of a company stooge, Manager Samuel May reports.

Difficulties all started when the cloak house refused to renew its contract which expired Sept. 15. Instead, it locked out its workers and moved the shop to Opa-Loka, about 15 miles from Miami, changing its name to Meyers of Miami. When former workers went to Opa-Loka to seek reinstatement, two of them were assaulted by one of the firm's "strong arm" men.

Picket lines were then thrown around the shop and the firm's showrooms in the Fashion Mart Building in Miami, and the Miami Joint Council filed charges with the NLRB and swore out warrants returnable on Oct. 3. The union has determined not to rest until the run-away is brought to terms, May states.

### Margaret Newman Pact

After a two-week strike against the Margaret Newman Originals, Inc. of Miami, the firm has agreed to sign a union contract.

## Research Dept. Foresees Pick Up in Garment Sales

Prospects are good that the production and sale of women's apparel will increase as the nation's defense program hits its full stride, the ILGWU Research Department reported to the meeting of the General Executive Labor in Los Angeles. The report, submitted by Director Laurence Teper, also summarizes the industry's experiences during the past half year.

The report declares: "It is now becoming increasingly evident that defense activities will continue at high gear for quite a while, irrespective of events in Korea. Furthermore, the newly adopted

ed price control law, with all its apparent defects, will not act as stabilization-deflation officials estimate an advance in living costs of 5 to 8 per cent in the next 12 months.

With the rise in buying, the prospect is that consumers will increasingly turn toward the purchase of soft goods. Much of the demand for hand lines for the next couple of years was satisfied in effect during the buying spree of the last year.

"Another panicky rush on 'hard goods' is, therefore, not probable in the near future. Moreover, the relative stability of food prices over the last few months, coupled with the prospect of larger food supplies, due to this year's big crops, will restrain the prices of foodstuffs (except for beef which continues in short supply). These trends are apt to be freed for other expenditures with apparel lines a beneficiary.

At the moment, women's apparel remains as still apathy, checked in part by the high temperatures which prevailed in many sections of the country. Yet signs of apparel revival are on the horizon. Active consumer interest has been shown in many lines of clothing. In some instances, women's garments moved at a faster pace than last year. The growing feeling of optimism has even affected the textile markets, where, in the last few weeks, goods began to move more rapidly.

Retailers, however, remain cautious in their commitments, even though their inventory situation leaves an open-to-stock position which could develop into substantial re-orders. The test will come in the next couple of months as consumer interest develops. It is possible, of course, that retailers may wait too long before making their final commitment and thus fail to secure deliveries. Sales volume may be lost in this fashion and business kept down by lack of foresight.

## Future Generation on the March



Children of ILGWU members in Miami, Fla., joined their elders in the union's contingent at annual Labor Day parade.

## 5,000,000 in Europe To See 'Hands' by '52

Some 3,000,000 European workers and their families have seen "With These Hands" since the ILGWU semi-documentary was released for distribution abroad last spring. By the end of this year it will have been distributed in 10 countries and viewed

by approximately 5,000,000 workers, the Labor Information Division of ICA reports.

In Italy, 26 movie units are showing the film to an average of 80,000 workers per month. These trucks traveling everywhere from the largest cities to the smallest hamlets have been on the road since last May.

On May Day, for example, the Communist Union CGIL had advertised that one of its foremost spokesmen, Senator Romolo Bissolati, would address a May Day meeting in the square in front of the Colosseum.

One of the smallest crowds in recent years assembled. As the first investors left Bissolati's lips, the doors of the Brancaccio Theater 200 yards away were thrown open for a screening of "With These Hands" and the theater filled in 10 minutes. When the audience of 1,200 filed out of the cinema, the Colosseum square was empty.

### In Workers' Theater

In the ancient cloister of St. Agnes in Lombardy in the downtown section of Naples, a "workers' theater" was opened to the public. A program of opera and other music was presented on eight nights. But the most popular part of the show was the ILGWU film. Signs of the unions belonging to the International Confederation of Free Trade Unions were draped over the entrance and the 20,000 who attended received copies of a pamphlet about the film.

Fifteen copies of the French version of the movie are shutting schools, France and French North Africa. Besides showings in industrial centers such as Bordeaux, Lyon, Strasbourg, Lille, Marseille, there is a mobile unit in Southern France and the western peninsula of Brittany. Prints in 16mm. were shown in summer camps of Normandy and Brittany. While total figures are not yet available, the estimated audience is more than 100,000 in a little more than two months.

The film shared the limelight with Assurin Bevan on the official May Day program in Stockholm, Sweden, where it was screened under the auspices of Glasgow People's Film Society.

In the United Kingdom, there are five copies of "With These Hands" at present. One is being shown by National Mutual Theatre and Accurate Workers Union. Another 30 copies will be released through British trade unions this fall.

## New Regime in Purvis



Mae Pearl McClendon, past president of Local 448, Purvis, Miss., poses along with new past Mary Lou Engle. Other officers include Hazel Reynolds, charity, Rae Collier, shop committee, Alice Morris, financial secretary, Christine Palmer, shop committee, and Beatrice Miller, recording secretary.

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# AFL Girding for '52 Election; Passes Fake Price Controls

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roles in the important committee deliberations which hammered out federation policy for the coming year. The ILOUW chief served as chairman of the key Committee on the Executive Council's Report. (Highlights of the report are given in on Page 4.)

First Vice Pres. Luigi Antonini served on the Law Committee. Vice Pres. Isidore Nagler served on the International Labor Relations Committee. Vice Pres. Charles S. Zimmerman was a member of the Resolutions Committee. Vice Pres. Jennie Matyas served on the Labels Committee. Vice Pres. Philip Kravner was a member of the Organization Committee. Vice Pres. Louis Stulberg served with the Education Committee and Vice Pres. Israel Feinberg worked with the Legislation Committee.

Alternate delegates to the convention were Morris Bago, assistant director of the Cook Out-of-Town Department; Bob Greene, manager of the Allentown District Council; Barnett Karp, manager of the South Jersey Joint Board; and Bernard Gollob, assistant manager of Local 1117.

## ILGers Report

Two other ILGers stirred the convention with special reports. As fraternal delegate of the Canadian Trades and Labor Congress, Vice Pres. Bernard Shane told of organized labor's progress in that country. A review of the work of the Inter-American Regions Organization in Latin America was presented to the convention by Serafino Ippoliti, formerly on the ILOUW staff and now Latin American representative of the AFL.

The ILOUW delegate introduced a resolution on the Italian peace treaty which the convention adopted after a moving address by First Vice Pres. Antonini. The resolution declares:

"Italy today is a vital bulwark against the mounting menace of the aggressive totalitarian imperialism of Soviet Russia, and is today a member of the Atlantic Alliance and thus a full-fledged ally of the Western democracies. It is a self-defeating policy to impose on Italy military and moral restrictions in line with a treaty which represents the new-discard policy of appeasement of Russian aggression."

The complete revision of the Italian "peace" treaty is not merely a question of concern to Italy, but is a matter of vital importance in the present grave world crisis.

Only a free and strong Italy, liberated from the present onerous treaty, can mobilize effectively her manpower and resources for peace and for the integration of European economy.

Resolved, that the convention of the American Federation of Labor call on the government of our country to take the initiative to improve upon our allies who, along with Italy, members of the Atlantic Alliance and signatories to the Italian peace treaty, are imposing need for prompt and basic revision of a treaty which seriously harms the North Atlantic Treaty Organization and all its members individually.

## Warns of Black Markets

In turning the spotlight on the domestic scene, the convention heard Pres. William Green blast the present defense program for its provisions allowing price hikes, to include all costs and for letting installers use pre-war materials. The AFL chief also hit at the provision of the law that bans the use of quotas in the metal industry thus opening the way for black markets. Among the more important ac-

tions taken by the convention were: Plans for an all-out register-and-revise campaign in 1952.

Drive for effective price controls, without jokers.

Work for repeal of Taft-Hartley Act.

Further exploration of moves to establish a united labor movement.

Work for the passage of an equitable tax bill.

The convention, through its resolutions, guest speakers and keynote address stressed the importance of political organization to achieve a legislative framework less antagonistic to labor and the general welfare of workers throughout the country.

Pres. Green told the delegates that "if Congress adjourns without giving us some help and relief, then we have got to unite our votes at the ballot box."

## Truman Grooms Body

In a message to the convention, President Truman wrote that "where trade unions are strong, democracy is strong. Where free trade unions are weak, democracy is weak."

Pres. David Dubinsky last week addressed a final call to ILOUW affiliates to forward their contributions for the relief of victims of the Missouri River Floods. In a letter to the union's locals he declared:

"The response from our affiliates to the appeal for contributions toward a fund we are raising for those of our members who have suffered from the Missouri River Valley Floods has been most gratifying.

"There are, however, a number of locals that have not yet responded to our call for funds. Your failure to act on our own munication may be an oversight. We are sending you this reminder since we are planning to publish a list of the local contributions toward this fund in the coming issue of JUSTICE."

## 2,500 Score Pay Boost in Plastic Pact Renewal

Twenty-five hundred plastic novelty workers in New York have won significant wage gains as the result of many weeks of negotiations, it is announced by Daniel Nimanvitz, manager of Local 98. The new terms are embodied in the contract renewed with the Waterproof Products Assn. B.

With only the formal signing of the pact remaining, agreement has been reached on a 4-cent-an-hour boost for all piece workers. The increase for time workers provides \$2 more for floor workers and \$1

for operators and other crafts. Minimum wage scales are adjusted upward.

The new agreement also calls for a 1 per cent increase in the health and welfare fund contribution by

the employers for a total of 5 per cent. A study of retirement fund possibilities for the industry is to be undertaken.

Of the workers affected by the new terms, 1,800 are employed in 26 association shops while another 700 work in 10 non-association shops which will incorporate similar terms in their agreements with the union. Assistant Manager Herbert P. Kohnen aided in the negotiations.

## Board Members Visit City of Hope



On the conclusion of the General Executive Board's meeting in Los Angeles, members toured the City of Hope, famed sanatorium in nearby Duarte.

## Spreading Registration Word



One of the many Liberal Party sound trucks which has been touring New York's garment market urging citizens to get their names down on registration rolls, pauses at 38th St. and Seventh Ave.

## Montreal Arbitrator Grants Dress Rise

Describing the union's request for cost-of-living wage increases as "well founded," H. Carl Goldenberg, impartial chairman of the Montreal dress industry, rendered a decision granting raises to 2,500 area dressmakers, Vice Pres. Bernard Shane has announced.

Effective as of Sept. 1, the award gave 8-cent hourly boosts to cutters and pressers, 6 cents to all other time and piece workers, and provided adjustments for apprentices.

The wage question had been referred to the arbitrator through an agreement reached by the ILOUW and the Dress Manufacturers Guild at the end of August, when a new five-year contract was signed after many weeks of negotiations. No benefits provided by the pact included a health center, retirement fund, \$100 death benefit, paid vacations and higher wage minimums. In his wage ruling, Goldenberg

recommended that "the guild and the union make immediate application to the Minister of Labor of the Province of Quebec for the extension of the increases" to the entire industry, in accordance with the province's Collective Agreement Act.

## SAN FRANCISCO ILG HONORS DELEGATES TO AFL AT DINNER

ILOUW delegates to the AFL convention and other distinguished members of the federation were guests of honor of the ILGWU in San Francisco which sponsored a banquet on Sept. 20 at the Fairmont Hotel atop the city's famous Nob Hill. More than 400 local shop leaders and officers played host to the labor delegates.

The banquet was opened by Joint Board Manager Henry Zacharia who introduced Vice Pres. Jennie Matyas as the mistress of ceremonies for the evening.

Speakers included Frank Edwards, famed AFL radio commentator; Sam Kappel, San Francisco Imperial chairman; First Vice Pres. Luigi Antonini and Vice Presidents Israel Feinberg and Julius Hochman.

AFL Secretary-Treasurer George Meany paid tribute to the ILOUW for its pioneer efforts in shaping a broad program of aid to world democracies. He traced the federation's fight to break the stranglehold of the Communist-dominated World Federation of Trade Unions. Tom Yates of the Seamen's Union of Great Britain and Imperial delegate of the British Trades Union Congress was heart-warming in his praise of Pres. Dubinsky and the ILOUW for establishing during the war a Seamen's Home in the heart of London.

Vice Dubinsky replied that there was no paradox in the fact that tailors' union had been concerned with the welfare of seamen. This example of international labor solidarity, he declared, is typical of the actions that have made the American Federation of Labor a powerful force for progress in the United States and throughout the world.

# N.Y. DRESSMAKERS

## Dress Liberals Stepping Up Tempo of Halley Campaign

New York's dressmakers are setting a fast pace in the drive to step up registration for voting in the November election. In their all-out support of Rudolph Halley for President of the City Council they are using all available means to stress the necessity of registering on the remaining days.

—Oct. 3, 4, 5 and 6.

Members of the Union Defense Committee have been on hand every morning at 4 o'clock. They have posted themselves at the exits of all subway lines bringing garment workers into the market and have distributed, in these morning hours and at lunchtime, an estimated 100,000 leaflets.

The Dressmakers' Liberal Party Club has held 15 district meetings during the registration period. A committee of about 1,000 club members has taken registration leaflets back into the home neighborhoods for distribution.

The club has also held rallies and meetings at noon in the garment center. Buses carrying the message to register in order to be able to vote for Halley and clean city government have circulated throughout the area, gathering the crowds to the meeting places.

Activities planned for coming weeks include a huge rally for Halley and a campaign block party in which a 38th St. block will be closed off for a demonstration for Halley and talks by ILGWU and civic leaders.

At the district meetings, issues of the present concern are being analyzed by Max Bloom, Murray Baron, Gus Tyler, Jesse Simons, it is reported by Jo Masur, executive director of the Dressmakers' Liberal Party club.

**MAKE TODAY D-DAY  
BUY DEFENSE BONDS**

## DRIVE CRIME OUT OF POLITICS



**YOUR VOTE CAN HELP RID  
NEW YORK OF THE GANGSTERS,  
GRAFTERS AND DOPE PEDDLERS**

**REGISTER  
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**YOU MUST  
REGISTER  
IN ORDER TO VOTE FOR**

**HALLEY  
FOR PRESIDENT OF  
N. Y. CITY COUNCIL**

## Dancing, Slenderizing Top Education Offerings

The Educational Department of Local 22, Dressmakers, this week issued its schedule of activities for the fall and winter seasons. Designed to meet a variety of educational needs, the program includes a number of groups in which membership will be limited. For this reason members are urged to register for their selected activities at once.

Registration begins Sept. 24. For remaining places in the classes and group activities members should register early at the office of the Educational Department of Local 22, Room 611, 212 West 40th St. Admission to all classes is free upon presentation of a union book, Jo Masur, educational director, announced.

The schedule of activities follows:

CLASS	INSTRUCTOR	ROOM
<b>MONDAY</b>		
Social Dancing	Nesbitt	612
Art Workshop (also Wed.)	Hoffman	Library
Political Action		
<b>TUESDAY</b>		
Effective Speech	Reagle	Library
Folk Dancing	Kosover	612
History of Labor	Bieder	Loeung
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>		
Political Skill Group		607
Slimming for Men	Nesbitt or Masur	
Slimming for Women		
Political Novel	Younger	High School
Club 22		
Art Workshop (also Mon.)	Hoffman	Library
<b>THURSDAY</b>		
Chorus	Wolf	607
<b>FRIDAY</b>		
English for Egyptians	Wachs	

## Today and Tomorrow

Luigi Antonini

First Vice-Pres. • ILGWU

Tourists who visit Italy as one stop on a trip usually come away with an attractive picture of beautiful scenery, glorious monuments, magnificent museums, relics of ancient civilization.

Frequenting resorts and first-class hotels, these visitors find life in Italy pleasant indeed as they feast upon delectable dishes in the high-priced restaurants and night clubs.

Too often, though, they don't get to see the other side of the picture: Alongside of the Italy which sings and smiles there is the Italy which cries and suffers, whose people must beg for bread while they seek in vain for work.

This other aspect is visible among the slums of Rome and Naples, not

far from the favorite tourist sites, but visitors usually avoid them or are kept from seeing them by official guides. In Rome, for instance, under the arches of an impressive new bridge, there is a colony of shacks, reminiscent of American Hoovervilles in the depression, inhabited by homeless refugees and displaced persons.

Along the lower section of the Naples harbor, as throughout most of Southern Italy, conditions mirror the effects of Italy's major problem—the widespread poverty and destitution with which the South is afflicted.

This problem was the topic of many of my conversations with Italian and American officials. It was discussed with U.S. Senators Murky, Smith, Green and McMahon, who passed through Italy at the time I was there; with Ambassador James Doak, with Lenin Deyton, head of the ECA Mission.

Meantime, there still is much that can be done by non-governmental groups and agencies abroad to alleviate the situation. But while relief work certainly is a noble endeavor, care should be taken that this does not take the form of a dole which is humiliating to human dignity.

Another important consideration in providing relief is the realization that it cannot be isolated from political and industrial factors prevailing in the country to be assisted. In China, for example, the ILGWU built a school for boys several years ago, which carried the name of Pres. Duhring. Now that China is on the other side of the Iron Curtain, however, no doubt the school has become an indoctrinator of hatred against democratic ideals.

What would be the fate of the numerous institutions we have created or are supporting in Italy if that country were to fall into Stalin's hands? Does anyone doubt that our Franklin D. Roosevelt school in Mondello, the Carlo Treves Home, the Local 48 Boys' Town would involve the same treatment from the Communists as the school in Chungking?

Obviously, we cannot limit ourselves to relief work and ignore a country's economic and political conditions which can result in the destruction or subversion of our aid. The ILGWU and the Italian American Labor Council remain firmly convinced that material assistance is but part of an overall policy, only one of the facets in the bigger fight to safeguard political and economic democracy.

## Local 32 Manager Stresses Need to Register and Vote

Changes and improvements in the Local 32 sick benefit system were unanimously approved by chairman and the recently initiated maternity benefit plan. After discussing conditions in the industry and the union's plans for the year, the manager reminded the shop leaders that Registration Week was coming up and urged them to inform all members in the shops of the urgent necessity for registering and voting in the coming city election.

In the first meeting of the year chairmen heard Manager Abraham Snyder report that several members had already received payment under the recently initiated maternity benefit plan. After discussing conditions in the industry and the union's plans for the year, the manager reminded the shop leaders that Registration Week was coming up and urged them to inform all members in the shops of the urgent necessity for registering and voting in the coming city election.

**SUPPORT  
THE  
DRESSMAKERS  
AID COMMITTEE  
\$25,000 DRIVE**



## EASTERN OUT-OF-TOWN DEPT.

### Local Memorials Keep Wanda's Memory Alive

All locals of the Eastern Out-of-Town Department are holding memorial meetings for Harry Wanda, late ILGWU vice president who died Sept. 11 while in Los Angeles to attend the meeting of the union's General Executive Board.

According to Acting Manager Israel Horowitz, a recorded transcript of the funeral services held in New York on Sept. 15 is being played at each of these meetings. Through these meetings the EOT's membership will hear the full story of Wanda's great contribution to the building of the ILGWU.

The EOT office during the week following Wanda's death was swamped by messages of condolence. Union members, employers, fraternal organizations, civic leaders were among those who sent messages expressing sympathy. To them and to the many organizations and individuals and shops that sent floral wreaths the department, through Horowitz, expresses its profound gratitude.

### Jersey Federation Sends Condolences On Wanda's Passing

The sudden death of Harry Wanda, long a familiar figure in trade unionists in New Jersey, evoked expressions of deep regret in AFL circles throughout the state. Pres. Louis P. Marchione of the State Federation and its secretary-treasurer, Vincent J. Murphy, were among those who expressed a sense of personal loss.

A statement issued in behalf of the AFL declared: "He was a devoted trade unionist who tried to establish and build the ILGWU

### Police Seek Conn. Employer Who Left With Workers' Pay

Local, state and federal authorities are looking for a non-union dress manufacturer in New Haven, Conn., who shipped out without paying his workers the wages owed them. A warrant has been issued for the arrest of Marie A. Rafferty, the employer who left his workers high and dry.

Contrasting union protection with the insecure conditions prevailing in non-union shops, Connecticut Manager Jacob Busch stated that he could not see how such a thing could happen in a union firm. He pointed out that ILGWU agreements hold the employer responsible for wages owed by contractors to their workers.

Busch asserted that while Rafferty's workers had to learn their lesson the hard way, this demonstrated for other garment workers the benefits of unionism. Without union protection, management and employers can play all sorts of tricks on their workers and get away with it. The ILGWU manager expressed the hope that the factitious employers could be caught by the authorities and made to pay every cent he owed his workers.

### ILG OFFICERS RENEW PLEDGE TO SUPPORT SANATORIUM IN L.A.

Continued ILGWU support for the City of Hope, free medical center for tubercular patients in Los Angeles, was promised by Pres. David Dubinsky during a visit to the sanatorium at the conclusion of General Executive Board sessions Sept. 14.

Dubinsky, accompanied by all members of the board, toured the institution's new Cancer Hospital, one of the first all-free treatment units in the country, the Research Center, the ILGWU-endorsed Morris Hillek Memorial Hospital, to which the union recently contributed \$25,000 for modernization, and the Sigmas-Schlesinger Library.

At a luncheon for the ILGWU officers, attended by City of Hope Pres. Victor Carter, Executive Director Sam Geller and others of the staff, Pres. Dubinsky recalled that the ILGWU was the first labor organization to aid the convalescent home.

Vice Pres. Charles Kretzinger, chairman of the National Labor Council of City of Hope, stated that the ILGWU considers support for the institution as part of its regular activities.

### Make Today Your D-Day Buy U. S. Defense Bonds

### Charting Production Progress

## Union Health Center

Few of us can read the newspapers these days and not realize that great progress has been made in the fight against heart disease and infantile paralysis. Conventions and conferences of scientists, chemists and world health organizations held recently here and abroad pointed to the improvements in treatment and to the prospect of cure which are becoming increasingly hopeful.

The men and women who came to these gatherings knew that the road to final achievement in the battle against disease is still long. It will take many years before the final answer can be given that gives the whereabout they will find it. And we ordinary mortals can feel secure in the belief that the generations to come will be the beneficiaries of these researchers who are sometimes called the "miracle workers." More power to them!

Whatever else the movement for a National Health Insurance Plan did not do, it did succeed in placing the medical profession on the defensive. The current issue of the American Magazine contains a long but interesting story entitled "Medical Profession Cries 'No House'."

The gist of this story is that the New York State Medical Assn. has found it necessary to establish a "grievance committee" before whom aggrieved patients can come to complain against physicians who overcharge or are in other ways unethical. The article tells of numerous cases where doctors were

Lee Silverbush (left) of ILGWU Management-Engineering staff, gives pointers for boosting production to Henry Matthews of England and Arnold Johansson of Denmark. The European unionists are members of team visiting this country, sponsored by Economic Cooperation Administration, to study American manufacturing techniques.

### They're at a New Stand



Executive boards of Locals 156, 259 and 268 turn out in force for opening of new headquarters of Hudson Valley District at 396 Main St., Poughkeepsie. Manager Morris Extract is seated at center.

The wide variety of these executives is evident from a partial listing of those put on the air during the past year. They included a memorial tribute to the poet James Stephens after his sudden death—a program in which he was heard reading his own work—a blow-by-blow account of the Rob-In-Turn-Turnout bus in England; exclusive FM broadcasts of the complete proceedings of the State Crime Investigating Inquiry into the narcotics racket.

The unique listening-post Station WDFR provides for New Yorkers was again inaugurated last month when the ILGWU-operated radio station carried exclusive broadcasts direct from the annual convention of the American Bar Assn. in New York.

No other station gave listening coverage that included the high spots of discussion at the ABA meeting as the association were able to hear important addresses by Judge Harold R. Medina, Senators Herbert R. O'Connor and Eileen Kefauver, Gov. Earl Warren, Robert Patterson, Francis Cardini Spelman, Chief Justice Fred M. Vinson and the Hon. Vincent J. Fox.

High points of the series was the discussion on press, radio and TV coverage of the Washington hearings of the Kefauver Committee, the state tax hearings at City Hall and in April, the hearings on the budget.

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JOSEPH GLADSTONE, Business Manager  
Seems to be and understood before us  
his 1951 term expires March 31, 1952.  
RONALD L. HANSEN, Heavy Radio  
(My commission expires March 31, 1952)

# In the Labor Spotlight

By L.P.A.

Special to Justice

SAN FRANCISCO—The soundness of the policies followed by organized labor in America is fully reflected in the report of the Executive Council to the 70th Convention of the American Federation of Labor that met in this city starting Sept. 17. The council's report, headed to the delegates at the start of the convention, covered a multitude of activities at home and abroad. Highlights of the council statement follow:

**LABOR UNITY**—Noting that the last meeting with the CIO to talk unity was held in August 1950, but further conferences were postponed because of illness of Pres. Philip Murray, the council added: "Our committee has not been ready, since August 1950, to meet with the CIO whenever the condition of Pres. Murray's health would make this possible. However, there has been no indication on the part of Murray or CIO representatives since that time of any desire to resume the negotiating conference which the council statement called for."

**MEMBERSHIP**—Shed 748,538 dues payments, rolled \$164,548 on Aug. 31, increase of \$100,000 over year ago, due in large part to re-affiliation of Machinists, (IAM), attending the first AFL convention since 1943. Council had the return of the IAM as "highly important and deeply significant."

**WAGES**—During 1950 and the first half of 1951 wages rose and kept pace with the rise in living costs... workers must secure their rightful share in the increased income of the nation... workers need to develop reserves of buying power which they can lay aside in savings plans when the nation's production eventually slackens and flow of consumer goods increases again. Our country will then depend on workers' defense power to keep industry busy and workers at work...

**TAXATION**—"Current economic conditions underscore the need for centralizing all proposed increased taxes on the middle and upper income groups and on corporate profits."

**SOCIAL SECURITY**—Benefits should be increased and extended to groups of employees not now covered. Maximum wage base on which social security taxes are deducted should be "increased to at least \$6,000 from the present \$3,600."

"In addition, the increase in benefits for years of contributions, which was in the original Social Security Act, should be restored and the benefit formula should be increased by 1 per cent for each year in which the worker has substantial covered employment."

**UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE**—Council insisted that the Federal Government employ to undermine job insurance system and restrict benefits by disqualification "jokers," also is called for all-out effort to increase jobless payments.

**WORLD AFFAIRS**—"Communist gains in Europe during the past year have alerted them... there are multiplying signs of growing discord and conflict behind the Iron Curtain."

**ECONOMIC AID**—"We support the aims of the recently announced program of the ECA to assist European employers and workers to increase production... This program must be one that will guarantee that the rewards of increases in productivity be equitably shared by workers and consumers."

**ICTU**—"The flag of International Confederation of Free Trade Unions has now been planted in every important area of the world... The problem is now to provide sufficiently trained organizers who can go out to various areas of the world in order to translate the en-

## Cup of Years

By MAX PRESS

You are remembering, when the fire is dying.

And the stirring dark throws shadows on the wall,  
Only the lightness, the grace and the wonder,  
And of the pain and folly nothing at all.

Out of the dark a river of shadows  
Shall break upon you in those  
lucky hours.  
And the lamps shall burn with  
Dames of longing,  
And the room shall fill with  
wasted flowers.

It is not the gray-eyed ghost  
of sorrow  
That shall fill the dark cup of  
the years,  
But all your moments of  
remembered laughter  
Shall be the moments of your  
tears.

to join a union... "Need for Federal aid to education is urgent," the council added.

**PUBLIC RELATIONS**—Much higher budget has been spent on AFL's radio news program by Frank Edwards and on information and publicity services, but "the investment was well worthwhile." Edwards is now heard by nearly 6,500,000 Americans each week.

**FINANCES**—Expenses for fiscal year ending Aug. 31 exceeded receipts—\$4,000,850 as against \$3,811,800—thus reducing cash balance from \$1,398,994 a year ago to \$49,294.

**MERGERS**—Approval was given to the merger of Bookmakers and Hackmen, and the United Leather Workers with the Amalgamated Meat Cutters.

**PER CAPITA**—Council recommended boost in per capita tax paid by national and international affiliates from 3 to 4 cents a member per month.

**BENEFIT SERVICES**—AFL affiliates during the past year paid \$21,687,662 in death benefits; \$9,486,634 in sick benefits; \$14,192,582 in old age pensions; \$4,474,582 in disability payments and \$29,329,372 in miscellaneous benefits.

**ORGANIZING**—"In spite of adverse national and state labor laws and the food of anti-labor prejudice, we find much progress in organizational work has been accomplished in the last year."

## "Both Ends Against the Middle"



## MOVIES

Marcus Morton

**"A STREETCAR NAMED DESIRE"** is a film throbbing with emotional intensity and glowing with artistic perspective. A deeply felt tale of tragedy, it is a thoroughly distinguished picture—which easily takes its place among Hollywood's handful of top productions.

Centering around an aristocratic Southern lady's descent toward personal deterioration, the story, in effect, traces the slow collapse of the antiquated way of life she symbolizes. Poverty has driven her to



live in the house of her Polish brother-in-law, a man whose standards are crude and whose scorn for her fine feelings is brutal. The constant clash between them—and the forces they embody—is filled with violence and hate. In desperation she retreats to a room and plunges into a dream world of self-deception until her physical attack thrusts her into a state of final insanity. The whole relationship is developed with compelling dramatic force and logic.

Vivien Leigh's utterly convincing in portraying the heart-breaking terror and weakness of the lost lady. Equally brilliant is Marlon Brando as an uncontrollable, bittered roughneck. Kim Hunter, as his wife, is superb in depicting her divided emotional loyalties.

**"NO HIGHWAY IN THE SKY"** is a pleasantly philosophical exercise. Although its level of excitement fluctuates somewhat, the film conveys its point clearly—namely, that telling the truth can be risky business.

It is here a meek mathematician in London who becomes aroused when his calculations show that after 1400 night hours a new type of commercial jet cruiser will crash because of structural defects. In fact, one such crash has just occurred, and he is sent to investigate. He keeps his theory quiet until he finds that he "itself is on a New York-bound plane" of the same type, and that his time is almost up. Accordingly, when it lands for a stopover in Newfoundland, he wrecks it to prevent the plane from going on to certain death.

James Stewart is appealing as the short-minded but determined scientist.

**"HERE COMES THE GROOM"** is tailored to the talents of Bing Crosby, which means that it combines sentimentality with singing in proved proportions to emerge as a typically breezy, r-zing program feature.

As an American newspaperman in France, he becomes so attached to two nephews that he brings them home. To make their adoption legal, however, he must get married within five days. But when he arrives, he learns that his fiancé has grown tired of waiting and is about to wed a young millionaire. With the expectation of the nephews staring him in the face, Bing opens his melodramatic throat and turns on his mischievous charm with results that are both irresistible and predictable.

Crosby ticks as usual but is clearly getting older. However, Jane Wyman, as the bride-to-be, is chipper and charming.

## Make MARK

Imagine the national furor that a trade union instructed its members

"Demand factors now appear make it clear the current price for the worker will act to exercise greater control of the market himself, there is hope of getting a fair price while the labor still remains in his hands. The holding movement can be a weapon in the hands of the workers of the nation to get a better market into a seller's market."

The fact is no such statement has been issued. But if you will substitute the word "farmer" for the word "worker" and the word "cotton" for the word "labor," you will have a direct quotation from an appeal issued last month to the cotton growers of the nation.

Last year's bumper crop led to the conclusion that this cry was uttered by a group of desperate, down-trodden, Tobacco Road sons of the soil, let him be reassured that it came rather from a group of ruddy-necked legislators with misbegotten caloric sense. The members of the Congress of the United States, are charged with providing for the general welfare of all the people. The price of cotton, the lifeblood of the market was broadcast by a group of about 100 Congressmen at the behest of the powerful cotton bloc which is paid to become the price of cotton has dropped from 45 to 35 cents a pound.

Some of these Congressmen, cotton growers themselves, have a long record of defending the rising price of cotton. They are staunch supporters of the free, competitive market for every commodity. The recent past they argued, successfully, for the extension of cotton from price controls. They saw it to their own advantage to let it slip from their grasp. When the price began to dip at its crazy 68-cent-a-pound height they began to propound for larger export.

One of their most nervy maneuvers was the attempt to get the Munitions Board to stockpile cotton. They argued that cotton was vital to the defense effort, that loads of it should be stored away. But even to the munitions experts this was a transparent move clearly aimed at increasing cotton prices rather than the nation's margin of security.

The action moved managed to have the Senate create an Armed Services Subcommittee with Sen. Stennis of Mississippi as chairman.

When John Smith, head of the Munitions Board, appeared before this group he told them that military needs of cotton in wartime were small as compared to civilian needs, that what the armed forces needed could be raised quickly in this country and that "hundreds of things are made in this country in which the same conditions apply" as held for cotton.

At this point Sen. Stennis yanked the old blackman threat that cotton growers might check their production because of low incentive.

Don't mistake the defenders of high cotton prices for the farmers who do the back-breaking work. In a blistering statement issued last month H. M. Mitchell, president of the Farm Labor Union of the AFL, declared:

"The 100 representatives of our





## BOOK FRONT

**THE TRAIN LEAVES AT MID-NIGHT.** By Václav Solík. Crown.

By a clever handling of details Vasilav Sobski has fashioned a suspenseful story out of the Polish resistance movements that fought first against the Nazi oppressors and must now contend with a much more skillful dictatorship. He has set his scene in Warsaw, a city whose people and streets he knows intimately.



ing the material used in his exciting novel. He has concentrated on a small group of people rather than giving his attention to the wide panorama of events which in Warsaw included the heroic resistance of the Jewish people confined to the ghetto.

Mr. Solski's hero is one of those unfortunate persons who must strive to escape being crushed by either of two millionaires. No sooner is he liberated from the prison into which the Nazis threw him than he must start the struggle all over again because the burning devotion that made him the enemy of the Hitler followers must of necessity make him the enemy of those who march under the red banner.

The escapes and struggles of the hero provide an exciting and illuminating account of a fighter for freedom who in the darkened area of the earth conducts his own brave war against the oppressors.

**SAGAS OF STRUGGLE.** By Samuel Colton. Claridge Publishing Corp. \$2.25.

Mr. Colton is a highly experienced labor educator who has served many trade union groups, including the number of ILWU locals. He combines enthusiasm with extensive knowledge of the labor movement so that his services are especially effective among newcomers to trade unionism. It is primarily for them that he has assembled this book—a selection of articles, stories and verse which reveals far better than any strictly factual account the underlying reasons and motives which have brought American workers together into our trade union organizations. This book, in brief, shows the human—the emotional—side of the labor movement and it does so with force and feel.

Restricted by space, Mr. Collier has employed selectivity to a point where it becomes easy to quarrel with him for omitting some outstanding favorites—but that is true of almost every anthology of this type. What he does include covers the major highlights of trade union experience, past and present, in terms of the human beings who constitute the movement.

It includes dramatic glimpses of the worker who suddenly discovers to his horror, that he is a strike breaker; the white Southern slave

Waiting

By HAVA KRASCOFF

A white-faced image at the window  
Of Time, she,  
Her day a race between swinging  
Hands and whirling brain;  
Her sight a witless-old woman  
stringing  
Useless hours on an endless chain.  
The dry eyes stare out the dark,  
stare in the slow,

The impersonal dawn.  
The quickened ear  
Listens for the Band with postman  
bag, bringing  
The words she craves to hear.

dore who realizes that he and his Negro co-worker must fight together against the racial antagonism fomented by their employers; the incredibly cruel lot of children in the Pennsylvania coal regions not so long ago when boys and girls went to work in mines and textile mills at the age of seven or eight. Of special interest is the story "The Girl Striker" dealing with the garment industry and depicting the human misery—and courage—out of which the *IT UNION* was born.

New unionists will be stirred by "Basis of Struggle," and older ones will be vividly reminded of the long way workers have come in recent years as a result of the unity and understanding which form the theme—and lesson—of this book.

**THE BIG SHOW.** By Pierre Clémentman. Random House. \$1.

For a long time to come this book will serve as the primary source for all who wish to know what it meant to be an aerial fighter in the Second World War. For four years during that war Pierre Closterman flew first with the Free French and then with the R.A.F. In that time he completed 420 sorties during which he shot down 21 Nazi planes.

His book is unique in that it comes as close as possible to being an on-the-spot account of his life during that time—especially that portion of it spent going to returning from and engaging in combat. Every evening he set down an account of the day in the book of record he kept for his father in case he should be killed.

The result is an astounding narrative which must leave every earth-bound reader breathless with excitement yet hopeful that missions such as Closterman flew will not be needed again.

# OIL—One Big Happy Family

By IRVING FAGAN

Fancy yourself a good judge of gas for your car? Prefer Shell to Esso, or Texaco to Ethyl? Believe all the radio blurbs about "superior" this or that, or the fancy advertisements extolling the "free enterprise competitive system?"

They're all one happy family. You'd never know it from reading the daily press; but the evidence is in a Federal Trade Commission

owners are Standard Oil of California, and the Texas Co., 30 per cent each, and Socony-Vacuum, 10 per cent.

Standard Oil of N. J. owns 61.5 per cent of United Petroleum Securities Corp. Gulf Oil owns 22.5 per cent; Atlantic Refining, 10 per cent.

Standard Oil of N. J. owns the Anglo-American Oil Co. Ltd., of England, which in turn has 12 subsidiaries including oil companies in Mexico and Ireland, a candle company and a wheat and storage company. The subsidiaries in turn own subsidiaries. Thus, Cleveland Petroleum Co. of England owns the British Oil Storage Co., the Petroleum Storage and Finance Corp., and an unnamed foreign subsidiary.

Standard Oil of N. J. owns; the Esso Standard Oil Co., which in turn owns eight others including Colonial Beacon Oil Co. of Delaware; Esso Standard Oil Co. of Pennsylvania; Tuscarora Oil Co. of Pennsylvania. Two of the eight subsidiaries own eight of their own subsidiaries.

Standard Oil of New Jersey owns Imperial Oil Ltd. of Canada, which in turn has 28 subsidiaries.

Standard Oil of New Jersey owns also: pipe line companies; two insurance companies in Panama; a clay company; the Calorix Co. of New York; a coke company; utilities; a road; a ship; a bank; a

The FTC report listed 7,597 subsidiaries and affiliates for the 1,900 concerns. But of the 7,597, the 360 largest manufacturing corporations accounted for 4,730, or 62 percent. The 500 largest accounted for 6,281. Leading the list was Standard Oil of New Jersey with 232, reaching into virtually every nation on the face of the globe.

Standard of N. J. owns the Standard Vacuum Oil Co. jointly with Soceny-Vacuum Oil Co. Standard of N. J. owns 30 per cent of the Trans-Arabian Pipe Line Co. Other



the Farm?"

That's on the domestic and international front as regards outright ownership. Another FDC report shows how Standard of N. J. interlocks with other large domestic petroleum companies through joint ownership of affiliates. Standard Oil of N. J. is thus linked to: Trans-American Oil Co.; Trans-Arabian Pipe Line Co.; Gulfstream Petroleum Securities Corp.; National Gas Pipe Line Co. of America; Wyo. Pipe Line Co.; Alas Pipe Line Co.; Plantation Pipe Line Co.; Neches Interstate Products Co.; Atlatapay Clay Co.

And that's still not all. The companies with which Standard Oil of N. J. has links, through stock own-



## The SOUTHWEST

Meyer Perlstein  
Southwest Regional Director

# 'Roxana' Directed To Reinstate Ten

Reinstatement of 10 discharged workers with back pay for approximately one year was recommended by the National Labor Relations Board's trial examiner who heard the case against Roxana of Texas, Inc., several weeks ago.

The examiner also suggested in his intermediate report to the board member Sept. 17 that the company be ordered to stop intimidating its workers and threaten to close the shop and move to another area.

Roxana, Inc., located in Waxahatchie, is related to Portifino Clock Co. of New York City.

When the ILGWU sought to organize the Texas clock shop a year ago, the company retained a lawyer to tag 10 employees who had been active in the campaign. In addition, it made numerous threats to scare workers away from the union. The ILGWU promptly charged the firm with committing unfair labor practices and took the case to the NLRB. Recent hearings before the trial examiner were an outgrowth of these charges.

## S'WEST EDUCATION ACTIVITY TO CATER TO ALL AGE GROUPS

Plans for an ambitious fall educational program in the Southwest region will be formulated at special conferences to be held soon in St. Louis, Kansas City and Dallas. Plans for the sessions will be educational chairman elected by workers in all union shops in those cities.

In preparing educational and recreational programs for the coming season, emphasis will be given to activities which will appeal to the large number of older members. At the same time, the needs and wishes of the younger members will figure prominently in educational plans.

Meantime, various locals in the region are getting into swing with a variety of classes and other activities. A combined art and craft class sponsored by Illinois Local 471, West Frankfort, and 482, Elgin, already is functioning, guided by Neva Combs, educational director of the West Frankfort local. Many other joint activities are planned, utilizing the assistance of Rita Oberbeck of the regional staff.

Preparations are being completed for a Twin Cities One-Day Institute to be held at Augsburg College, Minneapolis, Minn., on Oct. 20. Doris Wheeler, assisted by Dolores Johnson, is in charge of arrangements.

### Ohla, Local Plans

ILGWU members in Rockford, Okla., mapped their fall education schedule at a special gathering of Local 271 held Sept. 12. Mary Trible was named to direct the program. In McLennan, Ill., Local 260 voted to set up a textile painting class, for which Mildred Wade will be the instructor.

Among the various educational-recreational ventures conducted by Local 260, Alton, Ill., during the summer was a weekly swimming class, a boat excursion and attendance at a performance of the St. Louis Municipal Opera. It is reported by Pearl Mead, local secretary.

## Sidran Workers Say They Might Join Union If...

Who says unorganized workers don't realize the value of unionism?

At least, employees of Sidran Sportswear Co. in Dallas, Tex., know that the mere appearance of a union organizer at a plant frequently causes an employer to develop a sudden generosity toward his workers.

In fact, the last time the union conducted a drive at the Sidran shop, the employer promised the workers a wage increase. Of course, when management thought "the union threat" had disappeared, the raise vanished too. So did the promised vacation pay.

As a result, a group of Sidran workers recently came to the ILGWU office in Dallas and intimated that if the union now could help them actually obtain these benefits, then perhaps they might decide to join the union.

## Observers at Mo. Health Centers to Keep Service Good

KANSAS City members who have gripes about the functioning of the Union Health Center will have an opportunity to air their grievances and have them adjusted at a meeting called for this purpose. This action came as the result of a report submitted by Gwendolyn Hendon, the joint board's official observer at the center. Yetta Shoshani holds the same post in St. Louis.

## Elections, Hearings Crowd NLRB Schedule

Busy days are ahead for the National Labor Relations Board offices in the Southwest Region. Representation elections are coming up at Tuf-Nut Manufacturing Co., Little Rock, Ark., and in Bernhard-Alkman Knitting Mills in San Antonio. The Hearings are set on ILGWU charges against the Seaprade Co. in McAlester, Okla., and on petitions for elections at Hollywood-Maxwell's plant in Topeka, Kan., at the H. A. Sartin plant, Grayville, Ill., and Jerry Morrison plant in Malden, Mo.

# Minneapolis Assn. Gets ILG's Contract Demands

Sixteen Minneapolis cloak and dress manufacturers, most of them members of the Minnesota Apparel Industries, were requested by the Regional Office on Sept. 1 to set an early date for a conference on a new agreement.

The union's present agreement with the association, as well as its agreements with several individual manufacturers, expire at the end of this month.

In the letter the Regional Office specified that at these conferences it will submit for ratification the following changes in the existing agreement:

1. A wage increase based on the mounting cost of living.

2. Expanded vacations for workers with longer service.

3. A retirement fund for aged workers.

T. G. Cook, managing director of the Minnesota Apparel Industries, has stated that when the manufacturers return from Chicago, a conference will be arranged.

## Singing Songs of Unionism



Tuf-Nut Garment Co. workers give out with lively union ditty as organizer hands out leaflets in front of Ottheimheimer Brothers plant in Little Rock, Ark.

# K.C. Uniform Co. Okays Wage, Pension Benefit

Wage adjustments, a retirement fund, holiday and vacation pay were incorporated into an agreement with the Frances Gee Uniform Co. covering its Kansas City and Richmond, Mo., plants. The agreement, negotiated by Ray Haggerty, became effective as of Aug. 1. It includes:

In addition to the above-mentioned benefits, all the improvements set forth in contracts between the ILGWU and the manufacturers of Kansas City.

Arbitration proceedings have been started by the Regional Office to get back pay for Sallabury Manufacturing Co. employees. In a letter to George A. Roster of Jefferson City, Mo., named as arbitrator in the Sallabury agreement, he is asked to rule on the need for back pay to corporate workers for underpayments and low piece rates imposed by the firm.

## Pensions in Certain Trade Asked

A new agreement for the St. Louis curtain industry was discussed at a first conference on Sept. 12. Proposals that the curtain industry join the general market retirement fund and also provide a wage increase for workers were

major topics of discussion.

The manufacturers were represented by Seymour Wallis from the firm of the same name, Joe Eidebeck, Jr., Missouri Curtain Co., Bruce Selkirk, Midwest Curtain Co., and Charles Finkle, Minneapolis, Minn.

Frank Rother, Cotton Dress Joint Board manager and spokesman for the union, enumerated the advantages of joining the market's retirement fund and urged the manufacturers to recognize that soaring living costs make a wage rise imperative. Another meeting is scheduled for Oct. 4.

## Normandy Talks On

Conference continues with Normandy Procks, Paducah, Ky., for the negotiation of a new agreement. Mildred Wade of the regional staff is in charge.

One of the issues in the introduction of piece work in the operating and pressing departments. Some workers believe that time work should continue although the earnings on the time-work system remain low.

## Union Puts Stop To Buck Passing By Laredo Boss

"Contract, contract, who signs the contract?" was the intriguing pose that owners of the Walsbach Co. in Laredo, Tex., had to solve recently.

"Not I," said Mr. Walsbach, a contractor, who maintained that laborer Joseph Love of New York should do the honors in order to be responsible for wages and working conditions.

"Not I," countered Mr. Love, who insisted Walsbach's signature should go on the agreement negotiated with the union, since it was his shop.

While they were engaged in this game, Sara Liscaville of the union's staff came up with the clincher: Unless one of them put his name on the document, the shop indicated, the workers might decide to stop playing ball. . . .

At this point, management found the missing piece in the puzzle. The contract with the ILGWU finally was signed—by Walsbach.

## Mademoiselles' Modes on Parade



Changes in fashion during 50 years of ILGWU history were portrayed in float prepared by Local 202, Alton, Ill., for city's Labor Day parade.

## Their Contributions Are Vital



Workers at Linder Brothers, members of Local 131 in Scranton, Pa., making donations to Red Cross blood bank which will save many lives.

## New Allentown Council Officers Are Installed

More than 100 members of the Allentown District Council, composed of executive board members of Allentown, Reading, Pottstown and Pottsville locals, nominated and elected officers at a dinner meeting on Aug. 30.

Officers elected for the coming term are President Andrew Kline of Reading, Vice President John Stolt of Allentown, Mabel Leber of Reading and Honore Breslin of Pottsville, Treasurer Robert Hilmy of Allentown, Secretary Lane Arnold of Reading.

David Gingold, director of the Northeast Department, presided at the meeting and formally installed the officers-elect. In his address he stated, "Organized labor is constantly playing a more important role in the fight against totalitarianism throughout the world. By urging our government to adopt a policy of concern about the welfare of all working people in all lands, this action will make many friends. Hungry and desperate people are easy prey to the propaganda line of the Communists and other dictators."

## EASTON ILG PLEDGES TO PUT \$50,000 IN U. S. DEFENSE BONDS

The traditional Labor Day rally held in Easton, Pa., was thrown into an uproar when District Manager Grace Burdessa invited Herman A. Peil to stop at the local ILGWU office during the week and pick up a check for \$50,000 representing a U.S. Defense Bond purchase by the local's health and welfare fund.

Mr. Peil, Northampton County Defense Bond Drive chairman, had just finished urging delegates from 21 member unions of the Eastern Central Labor Union to get their members and organizations to buy bonds.

William Matheson of the Northeast Department's educational staff in Pennsylvania traced the important part played by Central Labor Union in winning improved labor standards.

## ELECTION NOTIFIED JULIUS KAYSER ITS WORKERS WANT ILG

Collective bargaining rights have been won for the ILGWU in the last of the Julius Kayser shops in Pennsylvania to remain outside the ILGWU jurisdiction, it is announced by Vice Pres. David Gingold. The plant is located in Allentown and for the past five years was in the jurisdiction of a CIO union.

Arrangements had been made with that organization for a transfer of membership because the plant was making women's wear. However, this step could not be taken, effectively because the CIO affiliate, it was found, had an insufficient following in the plant.

According to Bob Mikus, reporting in the absence of District Manager Sol Greene, when direct negotiations were undertaken with the firm it insisted that an election be held to determine if its employees wanted the ILGWU. It also was firm in asking that the production workers be separated from the others in the voting.

Accordingly, two elections were held. One on Aug. 22 among production workers resulted in a vote of 45 to 12 in favor of the ILGWU. On Sept. 21 packers and others in the plant voted for the ILGWU 9 to 3.

Negotiations started after the first balloting will now cover the second group as well.

### Blouse Boosts

Standard union agreements have been signed by two blouse firms, it is reported. One is the Tophanna Co. in the town of that name. It employs 45 workers and will be supervised by the Scranton District office under Harry Schneider's direction.

The second shop to join the Pennsylvania Blouse Assn. is the K and N Co. employing 45 workers in Windgap.

The Landlord Blouse Co. of Lanesford has also been organized. The pact covering its 40 workers provides, among other terms, a 1-cent-per-hour bonus for week workers and a 5 per cent increase for piece workers.

### Take Blue Swan Plant

Long efforts to re-activate the plant left idle by the Blue Swan Corp. when it stopped operating in Allentown have proved successful. ILGWU officers spearheaded the drive to bring employment to the 300 workers.

It is now reported that the Imperial Manufacturing Co., making pajamas, has agreed to take over the plant and will give preference to former workers of Blue Swan.

## Make Today D-Day Buy Defense Bonds

## Getting in Tune for Another Musical Season



Members of the Northern New England ILGWU Chorus loosen up their vocal chords after a summer's rest.

## NORTHEAST DEPARTMENT

David Gingold - Director

## Wages at Hubrite Keep Up with HCL

Important wage gains have been won for 250 workers employed by the Hubrite Manufacturing Co. of Boston, Mass., it is announced by Manager Mary Levin. The cost-of-living adjustments were won after extensive negotiations covering the workers in the firm's three plants.

## STRIKE AT BLAKELY PERSUADES FIRM TO RENEW, ADD PENSION

Following the termination of the strike at the Blakely Manufacturing Co. of Dunsmuir, Pa., the firm has agreed to renew its contract with the ILGWU to include provision for the establishment of a retirement fund, it is reported by District Manager Harry Schneider. The firm employs 75 workers.

Schneider also reports that rehearsals of the district's musical revue, "Till-It's," under the direction of Jim Corbett and Bill Matheson, indicate that the ILGWU will have another hit on its hands. The topical revue has skills written by the directors to be performed by ILGWU members.

The show will be presented Oct. 15 at the Masonic Temple in Scranton. The enterprise has won the support of civic organizations who have applauded the ILGWU's announcement that proceeds of the show will go to the Community Chest.

## 'Synthetic' Wage Rise Is Real Stuff

The Wage Stabilization Board has approved a wage increase for 300 employees at Synthetite Yarns, Inc., who are members of Local 281, Lowell, Mass., it is announced by District Manager Thomas P. Ahearn.

This pay raise is effective as of May 1, 1951 and the members of the ILGWU will share \$14,000 in back pay. The increase is in accordance with the union contract which requires wage adjustments when the cost of living increases.

Under terms of the adjustment 160 workers employed in the firm's Boston plant will receive a boost of 7 1/2 cents an hour.

The remaining 90 workers are employed in shops in Portland, Me., and St. Johnsbury, Vt. They are to receive an increase of 5 cents an hour.

Cutlery are able to receive wage adjustments ranging from \$3 to \$4. Manager Levin reports that the organization drive recently started in blouse shops in the Boston and Lowell areas is producing good results.

A conference has been arranged with the Ray-Mil Blouse Co. which employs 50 workers.

The drive is being supervised by Jack Halpern with Ralph Roberts in direct charge.

## ILG GETS 'PIONEER' TO ADMIT FOURS CO. OWNED BY FAMILY

An interim report by Arbitrator William E. Hinkins clears the way for the reinstatement of workers locked out last month by the Pioneer Manufacturing Co. of Wilkes-Barre, Pa., it is reported by Field Supervisor Jack Halpern.

The decision followed hearings conducted in Wilkes-Barre and attended by virtually all of the Pioneer employees. Chief witness for the union was District Manager Mtn. Lurye Matheson.

Already established by the hearings is the truth of the union's charge that the Pears Co. of Blairsville is controlled by the Pioneer Co. At the hearings the head of Pioneer conceded that the listed owners of the Blairsville firm were relatives of his and that some of them were children.

# I.L.G.W.U.

## Book on Leadership Training Topic for Directors' Weekend

New York educational directors and committee members held a successful workshop at Hudson View Lodge, Croton-on-Hudson, the weekend of Sept. 14-16, Mark Starr, head of the ILGWU Educational Department, reports.

All the participants had prepared themselves by reading "Union Leadership Training" by A. A. Liveright and the text of the directors was available for summarizing a particular section. This method proved very fruitful.

Charlene Bender of the Puerto Rican Council staff gave a good and lively description of the problems which arose when the union endeavored to create mutual appreciation between the Puerto Rican, now present in large numbers in New York City, and the other sections of the community. The group broke up into subsections to discuss the talk and then came back with a large number of important questions.

Afterwards, plans for the fall season of classes now opening were discussed. Singing, dancing and skits and amateur numbers fitted in the recreation hours.

## OUTSTANDING FILMS SCHEDULED AS PART OF ILGWU FESTIVAL

An ILGWU film festival, featuring a series of top-notch American and foreign films, will get off to a flying start on Oct. 1 at the ILGWU Studio, 177 Broadway. Showings are set for 6:30 P.M. sharp.

In addition to providing prize-winning movies free (your union book is your ticket of admission), the festival gives members an opportunity to visit their own shops at neighborhood movie houses. More important still, members have a chance to discuss the main points in the film, making for a better understanding of the issues involved.

The list of films for this year is as follows:

- Oct. 12—"The Overlanders"
- Oct. 13—"Pamper to Pamper"
- Oct. 14—"Carroll in Flanders"
- Oct. 15—"Long Voyage Home"
- Nov. 28—"Revenge"
- Nov. 29—"AM My Son"
- Dec. 4—"Angel on My Shoulder"
- Dec. 11—"Mr. Eames"

## Los Angeles Mayor Glad GEB Can Now Meet There Again

During the meeting of the General Executive Board in Los Angeles, Fletcher Bowen, Mayor of the City, extended a message of greeting to Pres. David Dubinsky and the board members in which he said:

"Since this is the first time your highest administrative board has held a session in Los Angeles since 1924, I want you to know how happy we are that circumstances within your local union have made it possible for the board to meet here again.

"Los Angeles has changed very much since that last meeting in 1924. Not only have we grown in numbers, and as a fine place to live, but we are now a great center in your own personal industry and a city where labor and management can work together in a climate of good will and understanding."

## TRAINEES BREAK IN BY ASSISTING WITH ORGANIZING DRIVES

Members of the 1951-52 class of the ILGWU Training Institute are playing constructive roles in important ILGWU campaigns throughout the country, reports received regularly at the school's office in New York. According to Director Arthur A. Elder, most of the students are engaged in organizational work, with only three serving as apprentice administrators.

The three doing junior business agent's work are Frances Baer and George Gaetana in Chicago and Harry Oliver in Cleveland.

A number of the students have worked in campaigns which were highly successful or are reaching such results now. Charles Bernstein assisted in the Warner Brothers drive in Malone, N. Y., Martin Miller participated in the Mittelman and Bernstein campaign in Wilmington, Del., Frank Sisko was in Birmingham, N. Y., on the Hygrade Manufacturing Co. drive.

Both Anthony Alcega and John Riccardi have done good work in the strike at Rivoli Mills in Chattanooga; Bernard Adel and John Kinsack have learned about picketing at the Wilgore walkout in Bethlehem, Pa.

In Toronto, Maurice Flynn and Sylvia Sandler are involved in the drive to organize the Rye Marx firm, Harvey Gold is in Kansas City on the Stelly Don Campaign, while Harvey Herman is assigned to the Seaplane drive in McAlister, Okla.

Marylin Shurgen and Samuel Stein can be found on Maryland's Eastern Shore where they are working in the campaign to organize the Joy Dev Co. Norman Rosen has been assigned to the Slatkington area. Paul Rivet to the Blairsville region in Pennsylvania, Arnold Moskowitz is working for the Philadelphia Dress Joint board.

Organization work is being done in Massachusetts by Estelle Landau, Mario Marretto, Marvin Menaker and Saul Neasehlov.

The students are completing the second month of their first field-work period after which they will return to New York for more studies.

## Novels, Plays to Come Under Fire At Textile High

"What Do We Expect From a Good Novel?" is the subject of the first discussion of the year at the ILGWU Educational - Recreational Center which opens at Textile High School, 531 West 18th St., on Oct. 18. The symposium originally announced for that date has been postponed, according to Fannia M. Cohen, secretary of the Education Department.

Prof. Haskell M. Block of Queens College, a newcomer to the ILGWU teaching staff, will outline the requirements of good fiction and good plays.

A special program of folk dancing and calisthenics in the gymnasium completes the Thursday night double bill.

## Inter-Faith Week Marked at Studio

A large group of members assembled in the ILGWU studio on Sept. 25 to mark Inter-Faith Week sponsored by the National Conference of Christians and Jews. Julius Mason, effectively reported on the struggle carried on by many national organizations to bring American of various faiths and national origins closer together.

Wherever these organizations see a threat to the rights of one group, they recognize it as a threat to the welfare of the entire community, he said. Despite isolated incidents such as the Clark case in Okara, Ill., the picture is not all dark.

Manson cited the City of Minneapolis as a good example of what can be done when a number of local groups pool their resources in an effort to promote dignity in the field of human relations.

## Heading for an Artistic Future



After the day's work is done, it's off to the studio for those garment workers learning the basic principles of sculpture from Arturo Soto in the ILGWU-sponsored Sculpture Class that meets twice a week in the artist's studio.

# POLITICAL ACTION

By Political Department, ILGWU

The petition is a time-honored device through which the people in a democracy make their will known. One of the most ancient rights for which men have fought is the "right to petition." Recently, there has been some debate as to whether this right is still sacred in this country, since many people have shown a new wariness about putting their names on petitions.

## U. N. Week Will Be Marked with 2 ILG Institutes

United Nations Week provides the occasion for two ILGWU visits to the U.N. new headquarters on East River Drive at 42nd St. on Oct. 20 and 27. Through special arrangements made by the ILGWU Educational Department, members of the permanent staff will be on hand for an informal institute on the U.N.'s numerous activities.

Tickets for the two Saturday Institutes must be obtained beforehand from the Educational Department, 1710 Broadway.

Approximately 20 ILGers were in the party that toured the international organization's offices on Sept. 22. When UN staffers spoke to the group, it was in the spirit of a Congress—reporting to his constituents, since each gave the impression that he felt himself acting in behalf of the peoples of member nations.

Jean Singer, assistant director of public relations of the U.S. Mission, told of her organization's duties. A. Subramaniam, from the Section for Non-Governmental Organizations, analyzed the charter and achievements of the UN and showed Dr. Herick discussed the recent ILO conference.

## Pressers' Officers Say Israeli Street Named for Local 35

A report on their recent trip to Israel was given by Chairman Mike Cooperman and Manager Joseph Erolow at a membership meeting of Local 35, Cloak Pressers, on Sept. 6.

The talks featured the proceedings of the World Zionist Congress, a visit to points of interest in the new state, and the ceremonies dedicating the street sponsored by and named for the cloak pressers.

## Make Today Your D-Day Buy U.S. Defense Bonds

A petition is more than a note from you to a public official. Because many names appear on a petition, you gather strength from the fact that this is an organized group. Because many people come together, name by name, on a petition, they give courage to one another. A petition is one way to have the members of a community stand up and be counted.

The New York City nominating petition is only one kind of petition. In Allentown, Pa., members of the ILGWU, some weeks ago, circulated a petition on rent control. It is credited with having mobilized public opinion and city action.

In many communities right now petitions are going to Congressmen on the subject of taxes, opposing any Federal sales tax, urging heavier taxes on the upper income groups.

When you and your community face a tough problem, you don't always have to wait until Election Day to act. Remember the petition!

## Central Education Classes

start

WEEK OF OCT. 15

See last issue of "Justice" for listing of classes.

## CUTTERS COLUMN

Isidore Nagler • Manager

A gloomy atmosphere persists in the garment trades where the season has been extremely disappointing, in fact, one of the worst in recent years. Work is slow and sporadic. Smaller lots mean a little more work for the cutters, but in general their situation has been as unfavorable as that of other crafts.

This picture of the garment industry was drawn in reports made at Local 10's general membership meeting on Sept. 24. Reference was made to a number of violations involving piece work, excessive hours, etc., which often rise up to plague the union during poor work seasons when a certain type of employer, taking advantage of depressed conditions, is tempted to evade his contract obligations.

Members of the staff were praised for their excellent work in exposing a number of violations which will serve to clear further efforts of his kind. It was stressed that sloping non-union work and illegal hours insures that the available work will be confined to the cutters of Local 10 and spread fairly among them.

Notwithstanding the present situation which is pointed up by the sharp decline in retail sales of women's apparel, there are no indications that the trend will be reversed.

The leveling off of textile prices is

expected to stimulate production in the textile trades. Wool prices, which slipped to almost prohibitive levels last spring are now substantially below the peak and a moderate upward trend above the pre-war level. With greater stability of fabric prices, retailers and manufacturers may move ahead less haltingly.

Incidentally, the local membership meeting was very well attended.

Following a discussion on the political situation in New York City, a resolution was adopted to give moral and material aid to the Liberal Party in the current campaign. Cutters were urged to register in order that they may vote on election day.

Members of Local 10, as seasoned campaigners, are expected to play a vital part in the campaign to elect Rudolph Hefley as President of the City Council.

## Brooklyn Candidate

The Cutters' Liberal Party Club of the 12th Assembly District in Brooklyn is preparing to conduct a vigorous campaign in behalf of Anthony DiNunzio, a member of Local 10 for over 20 years, who is the Liberal Party's candidate for the Assembly. The club, headed by Fred Rattner, will exert every effort to get out the vote for the candidate and the entire Liberal Party ticket.

A highlight of the membership meeting was a talk by Assistant Manager Max Falkman on his re-

cent trip to Israel as a delegate of the National Trade Union Committee for Labor Israel to the World Zionist Congress and the International conference of the Labor Zionist movement.

He presented an absorbing account of the meetings he attended, his visits to various cities and institutions. While in Haifa he saw the ILGWU Trade School, which had been greatly expanded since he was there four years ago. During this brief period the population had increased from 70,000 to 1,200,000. Falkman also saw many homes that had been built with funds raised by the sale of Amni-Israeli Corp. bonds in America.

## At CBE Meeting

At the recent General Executive Board meeting Manager Nagler reported to the board that over 200 members of Local 10 had donated blood to the Red Cross to help the boys in Korea and also to start a blood bank for the local. A total of 1,200 members had purchased \$20,000 of Amni-Israeli housing bonds, he said. This was proportionately the biggest contribution by any single ILGWU affiliate.

Manager Nagler's report also noted that 250 members had been retired during recent years. They included 154 cloak cutters, 84 dress cutters and one sweater-maker. Of those retired 25 have passed away. Supplementary payments to retired members from the Local 10 Old Age Fund exceeded \$80,000.

LOCAL 10  
MEMBERS  
REGULAR  
MEETING

MONDAY  
OCT. 29

Right after work  
MANHATTAN CENTER  
34th Street and 8th Avenue

CLOAK JOINT BOARD  
CLOAKERSRetired Operator Finds  
New Life Aiding Others

The heart-warming story of how one man has licked the vicissitudes of retirement was told by Sam Asch last month when he visited the office of "Justice." Asch is a retired member of Local 117, Cloak Operators.

His new-found leisure has provided Asch with the opportunity to catch up with a number of things he's wanted to do all his life. Freed of the yoke that bound him to the machine, he has fashioned a new pattern of living that includes the round of concerts, work in the library and classes at City College. Like many of his retired colleagues, Sam is learning many wonderful things about the arts and about New York. But learning does not come easy after a lifetime at the sewing machine. "The nerve-wracking pressure and pace of making a good season takes a terrible toll," he said. "For many of the cloakmakers being away from the shop—the only kind of life they have known—is almost as bad as staying on in the shop."

"The trouble is that many of my co-workers don't know what to do with their new freedom. I walk through the park in the Bronx and I see them sitting on the benches in the run like old men with time weighing them down—sitting and waiting, waiting for the end."

"This is a bad thing that should not happen to a man who retires after a lifetime at the machine. Now is the time when he should find new interests, new friends, get to know the good things he has missed. If he has his health it is bad for him just to sit and wait."

"I would like to tell my old shop mates to get up off the benches and take a walk with me when I go to the Veterans' Hospital on Kingsbridge Road in the Bronx. I would like them to see what an honored veteran I am there when I come in regularly to chat with my new friends."

"In these hospitals are the young men who for one sake gave away pieces of their lives—one like me,

another his hands. But I have eyes. And hands. I have a new friend who uses my eyes for reading. And another one who uses my hands for writing. And there are others.

"It is easy to do this work. All you have to do is go into a hospital and say you want to help. They always need help. In a hospital you see how well off you are. And you can make good friends who don't care that you don't read so fast or have poor penmanship."

"Sit down and read the newspapers or a book to a blind veteran. Write a letter for a soldier who lost his arm. Then you will know what a big part of your life is still left to you even though you may have passed 60. And you can make your

## In the Swing of Things



Local 48's educational season got off to a smooth start with a fall dance at Hotel St. George, Brooklyn, on Sept. 21. Manager Edward Molteni is in foreground, with glasses.

NATHAN HINES DIES;  
MANAGER OF JT. BD.  
DIVISION SINCE '46

Nathan Hines, manager of the Industrial Council Department of the Cloak Joint Board since 1946, died of leukemia on Sept. 30 after an illness of four months.

Funeral services for the 60-year-old joint board officer took place on Sept. 23 at Park West Chapel with Rabbi Zuckerman, chairman of Local 117, presiding. Among those who eulogized Hines were Sam Rimmick, J. Miller, Max B. Cohen, Alex Miller and Irving Astrow.

Born in Russia, Nathan Hines came to America over 40 years ago and went to work in "a sweatshop as an operator. A participant in the strike of 1910, he soon became a member of the executive board of Local 1 in which he held several offices, including that of manager. From 1926 to 1944 he filled the elective position of business agent. Before taking over the Industrial Council pool he was assistant manager of the Merchants' Department.

Life part of other lives, helping them along with good help, and you are thankful that your union made it possible for you to retire so that you could come to them."

CLOAK  
OUT-OF-  
TO

George Rubin • Manager

## "Living" Course

A major feature of the educational work throughout the department this season will be a course in human relations under the title of "Problems of Everyday Living." For the New Jersey locals the course is set up by the union in cooperation with the Rutgers University Labor-Management extension program.

The instructors will include physicians, social workers and other specialists in emotional and family problems. Each lecture will be accompanied by an appropriate film, followed by a question-and-answer period. Arrangements are also being made for individual consultations where necessary.

These courses are scheduled to begin in the middle of October at Local 123, Union City; Local 124, Paterson; Local 125, Newark; and Local 126, Passaic. They will run for eight sessions—one every other week. Notices giving all details of the course will be posted in each shop.

A similar course is being planned by Local 141, Bridgeport, in conjunction with the educational department of the Connecticut Federation of Labor.

## Conn. AFL Convention

Delegates from Local 141, Bridgeport, and Local 147, Stamford, attended the annual convention of the Connecticut Federation of Labor last month at the Hotel Stratford, Bridgeport. Headed by Business Agent Murray Edelman, the Connecticut cloakmakers' delegation introduced a number of resolutions which ranged from local legislative proposals to declarations on international labor relations.

Several delegates served on convention committees.

## Couple Retires

Ignazio and Anna Caporaso, husband and wife, both operators at the Elite Coat Co., Yonkers, N. Y., have simultaneously filed applications for retirement at the office of Local 96, according to Business Agent Salvatore Starpa.

Enroll  
OCT. 3-4-5-6  
YOUR VOTE CAN HELP DRIVE HOODLUMS OUT OF NEW YORK - BUT YOU MUST FIRST  
to vote for Hefley for City Council President Liberal  
DRIVE CRIME OUT OF POLITICS!

# JUSTICE

INTERNATIONAL LADIES' GARMENT WORKERS' UNION

## POLITICS—WITHOUT SEASONS

In 12 months from now the American people will be preparing to elect a President of the United States, 33 Senators and the entire membership of the House of Representatives. If the historic pattern is repeated, the voter will again become the darling of the politicians and the flattered object of their hoarse concern.

But the day after the election, with the victories tallied, the citizen will revert to his role as the forgotten Cinderella of our political life. In the nation's capital, the men and women he has chosen to represent him in the chambers where the laws of the land are made will face their tasks with the happy knowledge that many months will pass before they must once again appeal to the voters for vindication.

This is a situation that plays into the hands of those who are convinced that the voters have short memories. These people have their own obvious reasons for fostering the myth that the citizen's participation in his government is a phenomenon to be confined to the months immediately preceding election day. They take full advantage of the general benignity of governmental machinery and the growing complexity of the legislative process.

Laws have a continuing and daily effect. In our own time the daily lives of millions of working men and women have been changed by the enactment of laws pertaining to wages, hours and the regulation of the collective bargaining process. Labor's traditional instruments and techniques—the strike, the boycott, picketing—can be employed only within the stringent framework of the Taft-Hartley law.

The restraints and limitations thus imposed are never directly submitted to the citizen for judgment. The only recourse left to the worker who finds hostile legislation cutting into his security and work standards is to use his voting power on election day to choose legislators sympathetic to his cause.

In this light the decision of the American Federation of Labor to raise its monthly per capita from 3 to 4 cents a member is of deep historic significance. The additional funds thus provided, estimated at \$1,000,000, will help defray the expenses of a stepped-up educational program undertaken by the AFL's Labor's League for Political Education which, in turn, is to conduct a campaign to raise a fund through voluntary \$1 contributions by the federation's members.

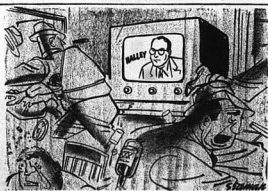
The change in federation policy recognizes the dominant fact that the economics of workers' welfare and the politics of national interest are closely bound together in our land. For garment workers who had to fight their way out of the sweatshops this is an old truth. For large sections of the organized labor movement the full impact of this fact has come only with the increasing intervention of government in labor-management relations.

The federation's decision opens the way for expanded political activities, putting them on the same basis with the continuous organization work conducted by the AFL. It can mean the revival of political interest in the hearts of millions of Americans who will find in their trade union the means for political effectiveness as well as economic strength.

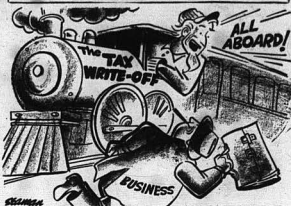
Indeed, if there is any single cause for the present sad state of labor legislation it is the widespread apathy of the electorate evident from the most cursory examination of registration figures. Entrenched political machines and rabid anti-labor leaders have a vested interest in a small turnout at the polls on election day. It is a recognized political fact that large registrations for voting, on the other hand, indicate the indignant dissatisfaction of voters that incumbents fear most.

The AFL renders the nation a great service in its program aimed at restoring to the voter his year-round functions as citizen. The drive to get record-high registrations for the 1952 voting, the program to popularize issues and the men who espouse them, the frank disregard of party lines in carrying out this plan is bound to result in a closer correspondence between the actions of members of Congress and the views of the people back home they are supposed to represent every day in the year.

### "He's Back!"



### "The Gravy Train"



## Pattern for Peace

By  
Irving Brown

As European representative of the American Federation of Labor, Mr. Brown made the following recommendations to the recent AFL convention in San Francisco.

THE determination of free labor's world organization to mount not merely a defense but also a clear ideological offensive against all forms of totalitarianism must include the following considerations:

1. An organically united labor movement in America is not only indispensable for the continued growth of American labor's influence on a world scale but for generating a dynamic, hard-hitting and united international labor movement to meet the present critical world situation.

2. Western European strength, which is beginning to assert itself, must be further reinforced by increasing the rate of building up the Western European arms and army which should provide for the integration of a sovereign German Federal Republic into the democratic world's economic and defense system.

3. American military aid to Europe must be continued and expanded but NOT at the expense of the European civilian economy whose workers cannot afford any cuts in their already meager purchasing power.

4. A united European army should be backed up by a unified economy, both military and civil, as well as by an international system of control of prices and more equitable allocation of raw materials in order to maintain the purchasing power of the workers.

5. The democratic labor forces through united action on an international and national scale must provide the program and energy to develop an attractive alternative for the millions of workers who have already quit the ranks of the Communist-controlled unions in France and Italy. Through the unification of the non-Communist unions a powerful collective bargaining force can be created which, in the last analysis, is the only way to compel Bourbon employers and governments to grant workers a greater share of the national income.

6. In addition to the efforts of European labor, the governments of France and Italy must adopt measures to prevent the continuation of the Communist Party's reign of terror which operates in many industrial centers.

7. Any reliance on alliances with Franco, Peron, or similar dictatorships must be rejected and any economic aid to the Spanish people must be conditioned on a restoration of their civil

liberties, which would include a guarantee of free trade union rights.

8. The Allies, especially America, must begin to grant a greater hearing and place to the national aspirations of the people in the Moslem world if we expect to counter the continuing of the extreme fanatical nationalist and Soviet Communist movements in the Middle East. To strengthen whatever democratic forces exist in this area, we must:

(a) Accept and support the right to national liberation inclusive of nationalization.

(b) Grant free trade union rights, especially in French North Africa, where repressive measures push non-Communist forces into Communist-dominated trade unions—as in Morocco.

(c) Include Turkey, which is the most solid anti-Soviet force in the Middle East, in the Atlantic Pact, and grant not only military but sufficient economic aid to permit the new democratic forces, especially in the Turkish trade unions, to wield a greater influence throughout the Moslem world for democracy.

(d) Allocate economic aid so as to help alleviate the hard-pressed masses who live and work in one of the most exploited areas in the world; at the same time aid for the great mass of refugees must be continued and considerably augmented, for this problem is fast becoming one of the great causes for the intensification of Arab hostility towards the Western powers.

9. The spark of hope and resistance amongst the workers and peasants in Eastern Europe must be kept alive through:

(a) the economic and military strengthening of the West;

(b) the championing of the idea of a united Europe;

(c) all-out assistance to the workers' and peasants' exile movements as the best and most effective anti-Stalinist force while shunning any association with the discredited Fascist and reactionary elements of Eastern Europe.

10. The ICFU must now follow through on its first two years of successful assistance by sending labor organizers with real trade union experience and political understanding to the key areas of the world, especially in Asia, the Middle East and Africa, to help establish the real collective bargaining and permanent trade union organizations.